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SWORDS PLENTY AT THE NEW PIER

Swordfish continues to arrive in abundance and although the season is getting late, some fair trips are being landed. At Boston yesterday afternoon, sch. Richard J. Nunan landed 119 fish, the largest trip this season.

Some good sized trips of groundfish were at the new pier this morning, but on account of the light market, some of the fish will be sent to the splitters.

Wholesale quotations were \$1.40 to \$1.50 a hundred weight for haddock, \$4 to \$5 for large cod, \$1.75 for markets and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Eleanor DeCosta, 24,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 22,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Valerie, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 119 swordfish.
Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 20 swordfish.
Sch. Waltham, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 18,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 53,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Annie Perry, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Mary, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Arbitrator, 22,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Virginia, 1500 haddock, 26,000 cod.
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, 2000 haddock, 27,000 cod.
Sch. Pontiac, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 300 cod, 3500 pollock.
Str. Surf, 34,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 8000 pollock.
Sch. Laura Enos, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 pollock, 8 swordfish.
Sch. Hortense, 2500 haddock, 38,000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 56 swordfish.
Sch. Lafayette, 55 swordfish.
Sch. Dorcas, 40 swordfish.
Haddock, \$1.40 to \$1.50 per cwt. large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.50; swordfish, 10 1-2 cents per lb.

The Gazette Has It Right.

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially: There is an excellent reason why our salt mackerel has jumped from \$9 to \$19 a barrel and is destined to go even higher. Quality and a preference for fat rather than thin fish is the all-important reason.

It's the man who catches the fish who sets the price, not jobbers and not packers. The fisherman has a vastly more favorable status than the farmer, who sometimes may be at the mercy of railroads and meat packers.

GAZETTE HITS NAIL ON HEAD

The knowing ones in the trade are laughing heartily at the investigation of the "alleged mackerel trust" in Gloucester, the Fishing Gazette comments editorially. The fact of the matter is that fat and fine mackerel of the new catch brings its price from the deck of the schooner and the fishermen make the price which the dealers accept or go without. New shore mackerel is going up. It may go to \$22 or \$24 per barrel, and supply and demand will regulate that quotation—nothing else. If there is a trust it must be among the fishermen, and as they don't work together and seem to have a different scale of prices, which is based entirely on what they can get, it would seem that an investigation on the part of the Federal Department of Commerce through an authorized agent will find nothing on which to take exception.

LUNENBURG N. S. CATCH IS SHORT

In its review of the salt fish situation, the Halifax Maritime Merchant says:

"The Halifax fish exporters are feeling somewhat more cheerful at the moment of writing, than they were a fortnight ago. Everything was dark despair at that time, but there is a little more chirpiness now, though of course there is still a lack of jubilation. From the extreme low price of a fortnight ago the market is now \$1 higher, purchases of dried fish being made ex vessel at \$5.50 to \$6.50. These prices of course are still somewhat below the quotations immediately preceding the war, when fish sold at \$7.25 to \$7.75, the highest prices in the history of the local trade. As to whether the present prices will be maintained very largely depends upon Newfoundland. Her difficulty is not one of transportation. She can probably make her deliveries to various countries. It is therefore purely one of finances. So far as Europe is concerned, the usual methods of making collections are more or less impossible, and it looks very much today as though shippers would have to send forward their goods and await the customers' convenience to pay the account. This is a very dangerous business in these panicky times, when a firm apparently good today, may be gone into bankruptcy tomorrow, and so, as we have anticipated above, there seems likely to be a very considerably reduced volume of trade between Newfoundland and Europe this season, which in turn may have a depressing effect on prices. The policy of St. John's and Halifax houses no doubt will be to hold back all buying operations as much as possible until the situation improves.

"The Lunenburg Fleet.

"There now seems to be no doubt that the Lunenburg catch will be short, though if squid should continue avail-

able for a few weeks longer, there is still time for some increase. The bankers are said to have averaged 800 quintals and the hand liner's 1000 quintals, which for the latter is better than last year. If the fleet could be sure of marketing their holdings at present prices the returns for the year would not be so bad, for while the catch is short the prices are better than in many previous years. Compared with today's price of \$5.50 we had the spring catch of three years ago selling at \$4.00. The trade are hoping that foreign conditions will justify their paying \$5.50 from now on, though as they say no one can tell very much about the future.

Mackerel School off

East Point.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, one of the seining fleet to North Bay, arrived at Souris, P. E. I., last Friday.

Mackerel were reported plentiful Friday and schooling south of East Point, so the Times is informed this morning in a letter from that place. It also states that North Bay is free of German cruisers.

The salt mackerel fare of Sch. Pinta, Capt. Daniel Grady, comprising 10 barrels, sold for the lump sum of \$200 to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company. The fish were of the finest quality, taken in Barnstable Bay, and about the largest of the season, going less than 200 count to a barrel.

Sch. Little Fannie had 11 1-2 barrels salt mackerel which also sold to the E. K. Burnham Fish Company for \$200. These fish were taken off Nauset. Capt. Nelson reports that the mackerel were showing up only in small schools, for a short time towards evening.

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FRESH COD FROM WESTERN BANK

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita
Here With Good Sized Fare
This Morning.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita from Western banks is here this morning with a nice trip of codfish, hailing for 125,000 pounds fresh.

Two fares were sent down from Boston, left over from yesterday's market, they being schs. Lucinda I. Lowell with 25,000 pounds fresh cod, and Mary DeCosta, 70,000 pounds fresh mixed fish.

The British sch. Cyril from Port Daniels brings a cargo of 364,000 pounds salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Two of the steamers brought in bluebacks, the Bessie A. having 100 barrels and Doris, 70 barrels.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Western Banks, 125,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
British sch. Cyril, Port Daniels, 364,000 lbs. salt cod.
Str. Bessie A., seining, 100 bbls. bluebacks.
Str. Doris, seining, 70 bbls. bluebacks.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. W. H. Moody, drifting.
Sch. W. H. Reed, seining.
Sch. Pinta, seining.
Steamer Orion, seining.
Steamer Nashawena, seining.
Sch. Little Fannie, seining.
Sch. Rob Roy, North Bay mackerel trip.
Sch. Emily Sears, swordfishing.
Sch. Actor, swordfishing.
Sch. Mary E. Sennett, swordfishing.
Sch. Esther Gray, haddocking.

COD ARE SCARCE NOW ON GEORGES

Skippers at Boston Today
Report Fleet Had to Leave
That Ground.

Not for many years has codfish been so scarce on Georges as at present. This is the report that the income fleet here and Boston report, nearly the crafts having left the famous fishing grounds.

Among the fleet at Boston this morning are several of the off shore crafts. Sch. Mary P. Goulart, Antonio Goulart had an 80,000 pound fare, taken on Western Banks. The captain said he was obliged to leave Georges or he would not have secured a trip at all.

Other crafts arriving with good fares are schs. Mary F. Sears, 75,000 pounds and four swordfish; Josie and Phoebe, 78,000 pounds. Two with swordfish also arrived, sch. Manomet having 34 and Florida 34.

Dealers paid \$1.50 to \$1.60 a hundred weight for haddock, \$3 to \$4 for cod, \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod, \$1.25 place at Merchant's island on Tuesday for halibut, and nine and one-half cents a pound for swordfish.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts

Str. Crest, 42,000 haddock, 6000 lemon sole.
Sch. Commonwealth, 24,000 haddock, 2500 hake.
Sch. Mary F. Sears, 50,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 40 swordfish, 200 halibut.
Str. Ripple, 18,000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 30 swordfish, 5000 halibut.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3 swordfish, 5000 halibut.
Sch. Buema, 20,000 haddock, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Jorgina, 20,000 haddock, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Vanessa, 21,000 haddock, 3500 pollock.
Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 53,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 6000 hake.

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Sch. Manomet, 59 swordfish.
Sch. Edith Silveria, 18,000 haddock,
000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Florida, 34 swordfish.
Sch. Genesta, 15,000 haddock, 5000
cod, 2500 hake.
Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Viking, 4800 haddock, 9500 cod,
2000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$1.60 per cwt.;
large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$1.75
to \$2; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$1; hal-
but, 10 cents per lb. for white and 12
cents for gray; swordfish, 9 1-4 cents
per lb.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5
per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers,
\$3.00
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5;
medium, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25;
medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.
Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4;
medium, \$3.50.
Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; med-
ium, \$4.
Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snap-
pers, \$1.50.
Flitch halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c
per lb.
Hake, \$1.80.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Haddock \$2.50.
Salt medium mackerel, \$18.50 per
bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium,
\$2; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium,
\$1.85; snappers, 75c.
Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100
pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.30.
Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20;
snappers, 50c.
Pollock, \$1.
Small pollock, 60c per bbl.
Fresh halibut 7c per lb. for white,
6c for small gray, 3c for large gray.
Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for
bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.
Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large,
18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.
Fresh shad, \$2.50 per bbl.
Fresh halibut, 9c per lb. for white
6c for small gray and 5c for large
gray.
Whiting, 60c per bbl.

NORTH BAY FLEET

Capt. Lemuel Firth is fitting sch.
Rob Roy for a mackerel trip to the
North Bay. The crafts now on their
way to the bay or who have already
arrived there are: schs. Fannie A.
Smith, Capt. Wallace Walker; sch.
Alert, Capt. Almon Malloch; sch.
Aloha, Capt. James McLean; sch.
Esperanto, Capt. Chris Carrigan; sch.
Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth.

Stocks and Shares.

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Daniel
McDonald, stocked \$256.77 and the
crew of 22 men shared \$50.83 on the
recent halibut trip.
Sch. Monitor, Capt. George Marr,
on a three week's halibut trip,
stocker \$1400 and the crew shared \$30.

BUNCH OF FISH
DOWN TO SPLIT

This morning's fares here consist-
ed of fresh fish from Boston to split,
the bulk of the fares going to the
Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, while
that of sch. Virginia sold to the Hen-
ry E. Pinkham Fish Company.

Yesterday afternoon, steamer Nora
B. Robinson brought in four barrels
of small fresh mackerel and five bar-
rels of bluebacks and the Unknown
two barrels and 12 barrels bluebacks.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail
are:

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 4
bbls. small fresh mackerel, 5 bbls.
fresh bluebacks.

Str. Unknown, seining, 2 bbls. small
fresh mackerel, 12 bbls. fresh blue-
backs.

Sch. Virginia, via Boston, 20,000 lbs.
fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston,
75,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, via Boston, 80,-
000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jorgina, via Boston, 35,000 lbs.
fresh fish.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston, 25,000
lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Manhasset, via Boston.

Sch. Edith Silveria, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, drifting.

Sch. Jubilee, salt drifting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5
per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers,
\$3.00

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5;
medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.25;
medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4;
medium, \$3.50.

Salt drift codfish, large, \$4.50; med-
ium, \$4.

Cush, large, \$3; medium, \$2; snap-
pers, \$1.50.

Flitch halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c
per lb.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Haddock \$2.50.

Salt medium mackerel, \$18 and \$20
per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium,
\$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium,
\$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Drift cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100
pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20;
snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Small pollock, 60c per bbl.

Fresh halibut, 10c per lb. for white,
7c for gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for
bait; \$2 t freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel, 25c each for large,
18c for medium, 5c per lb. for tinkers.
Whiting, 60c per bbl.

STEAM TRAWLERS
DOWN THE MARKET

Pretty quiet place this morning at
the new fish pier, as far as the arrival
of fresh fish was concerned, but three
steam trawlers and one swordfisher-
man being in.

The Wave brought 26,000 pounds,
Swell 30,000 pounds and Billow, 31,000
pounds. The Helen Murray had a
small fare of swordfish, landing 19 fish.
Although there was but one arrival of
the latter, the fish sold low, bringing
nine and three-fourths cents a pound.

Wholesale prices were \$1.75 a hun-
dred pounds for haddock, \$5.50 for
large cod, \$2.25 for market cod.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail
are:

Str. Swell, 30,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Str. Wave, 26,000 haddock, 600 cod.

Str. Billow, 30,000 haddock, 1200
cod.

Sch. Helen Murray, 19 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.75; large cod, \$5.50;
market cod, \$2.25; swordfish, 9 3-4
cents per lb.

Arrivals at Pensacola.

Of the 14 boats that made port at
Pensacola last week, E. E. Saunders
& Co. had 10, with a total catch of
123,365 pounds of red snappers and
groupers. Of the former there were
98,265 pounds and 27,100 pounds of
groupers. The largest catch made by
a Saunders boat was red snappers and
4,055 pounds groupers. The smallest
Saunders trip consisted of 2,200
pounds of red snappers and groupers.
Of the former there were 25,100
pounds and 3,020 pounds of groupers.
The catch of red snappers by the
Warren boats did not equal the group-
er catch of the Saunders' smacks.
The biggest catch made by a Warren
boat was 10,845 pounds, of which 10,-
635 pounds were red snappers and 210
pounds groupers. The smallest catch
by a Warren boat was 2,550 pounds,
of which 2,060 pounds were red snap-
pers and 490 pounds groupers.

The red snapper catch of the two
fleets amounted to 121,395 pounds,
while the same vessels landed 30,120
pounds of grouper.

The following vessels came to E.
E. Saunders & Co.:

Favorite, 15,140 lbs. red snappers,
690 lbs. groupers; Lena, 2,200 lbs. red
snappers; John M. Keen, 4,170 lbs. red
snappers, 2,600 lbs. groupers;

Thomas J. Carroll, 20,625 lbs. red
snappers, 3,240 lbs. groupers; Frances
V. Silva, 22,305 lbs. red snappers,
4,055 lbs. groupers; Wallace A. Mc-
Donald, 3,840 lbs. red snappers, 1255
lbs. groupers; Cavcare, 7,000 lbs. red
snappers, 4,120 lbs. groupers; Priscilla,
4,365 lbs. red snappers, 2,060 lbs. group-
ers; Flora J. Sears, 9,590 lbs. red snap-
pers, 5,960 lbs. groupers; Kwasind, 6,750
lbs. red snappers, 3,030 lbs. groupers.

Warren Fish Co.: Lena J., 2,060 lbs.
red snappers, 490 lbs. groupers; Galatea
4,670 lbs. red snappers, 1,000 lbs. group-
ers; Emma Jean, 10,635 lbs. red snap-
pers, 210 lbs. groupers; Silas Stearns,
7,835 lbs. red snappers, 1,390 lbs.
groupers.

Portland Fishing News.

Rough weather was reported out-
side Wednesday by the fishing steam-
ers which went out to try their luck,
the wind having nearly the proportions
of a gale, they all coming back empty.
The steamer Navis, which has been
cruising along the coast for a week,
also came back without a fish. Her
skipper, Capt. Eben Brown, reports
fish in plenty all along shore, among
the rocks, but acting wild, and he
was unable to get in among them.
Some 3000 pounds of mackerel were
brought in by the sloop Iceland, and
a few small lots were also landed by the
boat fishermen. The schooner Helen
E. Murley brought in 16 swordfish in
the Bay of Fundy.

But few of the local vessels of the
swordfishing fleet will continue longer
in that business, the skippers having
made up their minds that the catch
after this will be small. The schooner
er Albert W. Black arrived Wednes-
day from Boston, where she has just
taken out 38 fish, and Capt. Johnson
will now fit out his vessel to engage
in trawling. Another vessel, the
schooner Mary E. Sennett, also land-
ed 26 fish there this week, and the
schooners Eleanor and Albert D. W.
lard are due to arrive at any mo-
ment, each being expected to have a
good sized catch.

Gazette Is Right.

A New York evening paper pub-
lished an absurd article Tuesday
last, to the effect that the people en-
gaged in the fishing industry at Cap-
Cod were throwing fish away to keep
up the prices. The article went on
to say that no less than 500 barrels
of mackerel were thrown overboard
so as to maintain prices. This is too
absurd upon the face of it for any
extended comment editorially, says
the Fishing Gazette.

Squid on N. F. South Shore.

Yesterday and today there are plen-
ty of squid on the Southern Shore
and the shore fishermen are getting
all they require, says the St. John's
Herald of Friday. Many of the bank-
ers who for some time have been hung
up in the different harbors are now
hastening to procure their share of
the precious bait fishes. The South-
ern Shoremen are also doing well with
codfish.

Got Big Horse Mackerel.

Alex Coffin, Jr., a Small Point,
Maine, fisherman, was surprised on
visiting his traps Monday morning to
find that during the previous night an
immense horse mackerel had wander-
ed in among the other fish and was
making frantic efforts to escape. The
trap was fortunately new and built to
stay, and the fish was securely held, a
few vigorous thrusts with a harpoon
soon taking the fight out of him. The
overgrown mackerel was sent up to
the city on the packet steamer Wilkins
H., and was purchased by Del Sargent
on Commercial wharf, the lucky fish-
erman netting a good round sum for
his catch. The fish attracted great
attention as it lay on the floor at the
Sargent sheds Monday afternoon, it
measuring nine feet in length and
weighing 800 pounds, it being probably
the largest specimen of the kind ever
landed here. It will be shipped to
New York, there being quite a demand
for this species of fish at the metrop-
olis, and those curiously inclined got
a sight of the monster before it was
boxed up Tuesday.